

Gillingham Dec. 13-1834  
Saturday

Dear Bella -

I write a letter of complaint  
I have been as bad as parson Oliver's Stee - no  
animal of that kind was ever more indisposed  
but it is comforting to know that my case is not  
a singular one & that upon the whole I have got  
off pretty well - I was attacked last Monday night  
in the way in which my colics always come on  
& treated it like an old acquaintance but it  
turned out no such thing - I kept about house  
two days - but was obliged then to give up - & have  
been confined to my room ever since - My fever  
was very high - 2 nights I never closed my eyes  
such a burning heat in my head & I suppose I  
ought to have had an emetic - but took besides  
all simple remedies & draughts - some pills and  
a dose of oil - which last has done me  
great good - My eyes have been bad very  
felt as if they had been scrobbled with  
red hot plates - Every body is sick here  
there are two or three in every house & in some  
families all - I hope the Dr will come over



for George. Today I shall send for him  
to see me & I wish much to hear from  
you all - I expect you soon will have  
the colic - I dare say you have it now  
I beg you to be careful - I see by Anne's letter  
which I enclose, that Cousin Mary Anne  
is very ill - I fear that Groomas folks will  
get sick taking care of her - Mr Burton's wife's  
sister - died of influenza last week - she was  
very low before & it carried her off suddenly  
she was on by 18 - if you are taken with  
this disorder any of you I charge you to give  
up directly to it, it is best - it attacks the  
lungs first - then the heart - but the real distress  
& fever does not set in till after wards.

I lay awake on Thursday night - broad  
awake from 8 - till 7 in the morning -  
& a noise in my head all the time like  
the pumping of a steam engine - it was  
a horrible night - but I think my fever  
is gone now - & last night I slept well after  
I got over some pain that I had.

Elizabeth Moorfield sits by me she is  
just failing - I cannot express my sense  
of the kindness that has been shown



now Mrs Choorfield has done every thing  
that could be done for me & I don't know  
how I can ever repay her kindness - I hope  
to go out the first of the week - this has  
broken up my plans & surely I shall be  
obliged to leave Birmingham with out making  
any calls or doing any thing intended -  
my young ladies have gone on with out  
me - They are going to have a fair  
for the relief of the poor & luckily that  
keeps them in order Mrs Gifford is here

& is just giving the wis-  
tles you the list -

do not be concerned about  
me am yours truly Caroline



Miss Deborah Weston  
Weymouth  
Politeness of Mrs. Fields